

Dear FDA,

Forced molting of hens used in egg production is cruel to the birds and increases the spread of Salmonella enteritidis infection. Please grant the petition, filed under docket #98P-0203/CP, that would eliminate this practice.

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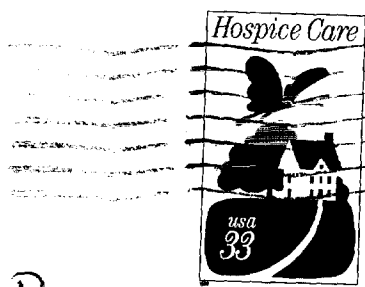
I am appalled that this practice of forced molting of hens for egg production is overlooked by your agency. For a civilized country to accept this kind of cruelty as normal in the egg industry shows a lack of goodness and spirituality in agencies such as yours that have the responsibility to expose and shut down these practices. The danger to public health with the lowered resistance and impaired immune system of the stressed and starving birds is obvious. With the current publicity of increased Salmonella poisoning in poultry and eggs, I am sending this letter to encourage you to grant the petition (docket #98P-203/CP) that would eliminate this practice.

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